#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

#### FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE	)	
COMPANY, A/S/O TRANSMAR	)	
COMMODITY GROUP, LTD.,	)	Case No.: 07-014
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
V.	)	TRIAL BY JURY OF
	)	TWELVE DEMANDED
UNITED COCOA PROCESSOR, INC.,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

# ANSWER OF DEFENDANT UNITED COCOA PROCESSOR, INC. WITH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- 1. Denied. After reasonable investigation, answering Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained herein and same are deemed denied with strict proof thereof demanded at the time of trial.
- 2. Denied. After reasonable investigation, answering Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained herein and same are deemed denied with strict proof thereof demanded at the time of trial.
  - 3. Admitted.
- 4. Denied. After reasonable investigation, answering Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained herein and same are deemed denied with strict proof thereof demanded at the time of trial.
- 5. Denied. After reasonable investigation, answering Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained herein and same are deemed denied with strict proof thereof demanded at the time of trial.

- 6. Admitted as to the date and location of the fire at the facility. The remaining allegations are denied.
  - 7. Denied.
- 8. Denied. After reasonable investigation, answering Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained herein and same are deemed denied with strict proof thereof demanded at the time of trial.
- 9. Answering defendant here incorporates its responses to paragraphs 1 through 8 herein by reference.
- 10. Denied. The allegations contained herein are denied as conclusions of law to which no responsive pleadings are required.
- 11. Denied. After reasonable investigation, answering Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained herein and same are deemed denied with strict proof thereof demanded at the time of trial.

WHEREFORE, the answering defendant respectfully request that this cause of action against them be dismissed with prejudice.

#### FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

# SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE Plaintiff's causes of action may be barred in whole or in part by the execution of a general release. THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

If Plaintiff sustained the injuries as alleged in their Complaint, which is herein strictly denied, then they were caused by the acts or omissions of entities/individuals over which/whom Answering Defendant had no control nor legal duty to control.

## FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

At all times material hereto, Answering Defendant acted with due care and proper care under the circumstances.

### FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has failed to mitigate their damages.

WHEREFORE, Answering Defendant respectfully requests that this cause of action against them be dismissed with prejudice.

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Dated: February 19, 2007

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify on this 19th day of February, 2007 that a true and correct copy of the Answer of Defendant United Cocoa Processor, Inc. with Affirmative Defenses has been served electronically and by first class mail, postage prepaid, upon the following:

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#### **CIVIL COVER SHEET**

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE REVERSE OF THE

I (a) PLAINTIFFS Fireman's Fund Insura Company a/s/o Transmar Commodity Group,			
b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES) Marin, CA	COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT New Castle (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED		
(c) ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONUMBER) William Mullin, Esquire c/o Graham Miller, Neandross, Mullin & Roonan, LLC, 235 Broadway, New York, NY 10024 (212) 877-448	ATTORNEYS (IF KNOWN) Louis J. Rizzo, Jr., Esquire c/o Reger Rizzo Kavulich & Darnall LLP, 1001 Jefferson Plaza, Suite 202, Wilmington, DE 19801 (302) 652-3611		
II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX C	BOX (For Diversity Cases Only) FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT		
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IV. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE DO NOT CITE JURISDICTION STATUES UNLESS DIVERSITY)

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